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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5286

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 3574

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BDIS ENRG PINT HO

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM PROBLEM

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3545; GUATEMALA 4519

1. ACUERDO ISSUED WITHOUT CHANGE AND ASSIGNED NUMBER  
288 (COPY POUCHED). COMBINED EFFORTS OF HONDURAN  
INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION,  
BANKERS' ASSOCIATION AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DURING  
WEEKEND AND SEPT. 17 INEFFECTIVE IN CHANGING A SINGLE  
WORD OF PROJECTED LAW OR POINT 3 CITED REFTEL.

2. IN EARLY MORNING HOURS SEPT 18 MINECON BENNATON  
OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION WITH INDUSTRY GROUPS  
ON TERMS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO INTERESTED PARTIES.  
DETAILS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. AT ANY RATE NOTHING  
POSITIVE RESULTED.

3. DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES HAVE FORWARDED NEW CONDITIONS  
OF DOING BUSINESS TO RESPECTIVE FRONT OFFICES FOR  
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ANALYSIS AND WILL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. IT DOES NOT

APPEAR DISTRIBUTORS HAVE ANY FURTHER CARDS TO PLAY UNTIL  
INSTRUCTED.

4. POSSIBLE RESPONSES SEEM TO HINGE UPON TEXACO DUE  
TO ITS POSITION AS REFINER AND DISTRIBUTOR. TACK SUCH AS  
INDICATED IN GUATEMALA 4519 MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT  
DUE TO FACT THAT ACUERDO 288 MAKES NO PROVISION FOR EITHER  
NEW BUYERS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OR FOR EXPANSION OF  
PURCHASES BY EXISTING BUYERS. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE MIGHT  
BE TO RAISE AGAIN WITH THE GOH THE QUESTION OF CRUDE  
SUPPLY TO REFINERY.

5. PENDING CORPORATE ANALYSIS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO  
LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRESSURE  
THROUGH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESSMEN'S GROUPS WILL BE  
BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GOVERNMENT THROUGH OTHER MINISTERS.  
THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE ACUERDO ARE MORE BROAD  
REACHING THAN AN ECONOMIC ATTACK AGAINST FOREIGN  
PETROLEUM INTERESTS.

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